

Growth Through Commitment in Christ



Church of ST. THOMAS MORE

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Mass Schedule

SUNDAY LITURGY

Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 Noon

WEEKDAY LITURGY

Monday through Friday 8:30 am

HOLY DAYS

8:30 am, 12:15 pm, 7:30 pm
(except Christmas & New Year)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 – 3:40 pm and by appointment

Office Information

Parish Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Sunday (Sept. thru May) 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
Closed Saturday and Holy Days

PARISH OFFICE 752-2080

PARISH STAFF

Fr. William C. Wagner, Pastor	753-2553
Deacon Michael Thomas	753-2549
Deacon John Convery	753-2568
Deacon Fred Haas	753-2569
DRE, Becky Ready	753-2548
Business Manager, Mike Gennett	753-2543
Secretaries: Donna Buchheit	753-2541
Kate Roelker	753-2550
Gym/Multi-Purpose Building	753-2555
Maintenance: John Osterling	753-2544
Dave McCarthy	752-2080 Ext. 134
Music Director, Terry V. Wenninger	753-2546
Parish Hall/Kitchen, Vickie Ditchen	753-2558
Prayer Requests	752-2080 Ext. 133
Sacristy	753-2556
St. Vincent de Paul	753-2561
Youth Minister, Diane Brennan	753-2551

PARISH OFFICE FAX 753-2542
FINANCE OFFICE FAX 753-2552

SCHOOL OFFICE 753-2540
SCHOOL OFFICE FAX 753-2554
Principal, Peg Fischer 753-2540
School Office, Dee Archer 753-2540
Administrative Asst., Rhonda Roberts 753-2540

PSR (Parish School of Religion):

Religious education for public school students. Classes held on Sundays – Nursery 10-11:00 am; Pre-School 10-11 am; Grades 1-8 8:30-9:45 am; Youth Ministry 6-8 pm. Call 753-2550 for more information and to register.

Want to be Catholic? Call Becky Ready, DRE at 753-2548 to find out about RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults/Youth).

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: 753-2550
Marriage: Call Deacon John Convery 753-2568
6 months prior to wedding date
Anointing of the Sick: 753-2553
Communion to the Sick: 753-2549

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Friday by Noon (9 Days Prior)
Submit to Kate Roelker at kroelker@sttm.org.

We warmly welcome new members to our parish family. Please call the Parish Office or register online at www.sttm.org. If leaving the parish or moving, please notify the Parish Office of your change of address.

OUR *Mission*

"We at St. Thomas More are a family of Christians led by the Holy Spirit in communion with the Roman Catholic Church. We dedicate ourselves to living the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We devote ourselves to sharing our faith, strengthening family bonds, and growing in love. We commit ourselves to each other through prayer and action."

THE *Week* AHEAD

Monday, February 16

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

7:30 pm SVDP - Fr. Wack Library

Tuesday, February 17

6:30 pm Zumba - Fr. Heider Hall

Wednesday, February 18

9:30 am Bible Study - Parish Dining Hall
1:00 pm Book Club - Faith Formation Room
5:00 pm Feed the Hungry - Parish Dining Hall
6:30 pm Rosary Prayer Service - Church
7:00 pm MOMs Monthly - Faith Formation Room
7:30 pm Evening Bible Study - Conference Room C

Thursday, February 19

6:00 pm Sewing Ministry - More Martyr Hall
7:00 pm First Communion Gathering - Parish Dining Hall
7:30 pm Men's CRHP - Library

Friday, February 20

8:30 am School Mass
10:00 am Adoration

Saturday, February 21

7:00 am Answer the Call - More Martyr Hall
8:00 am Men's CRHP Weekend
9:00 am Clean the Church
3:00 pm Confessions

Sunday, February 22

Men's CRHP Weekend
8:30 am PSR Grades 1-8 - Fr. Heider Hall
9:45 am Sunday Child Care – Kindergarten Room
10:00 am Children's Liturgy - Class Room 7G
10:00 am Preschool PSR - Fr. Heider Hall
10:00 am RCIA/RCIY - Faith Formation Room

FAMILY TALK - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL FOCUS: (Mark 1:40-45) Jesus reaches out to those who are not accepted by others.

REFLECTION: Whatever we are doing, whatever we are thinking, however small and insignificant, must be for God.

AT HOME FOR DISCUSSION: How is your relationship with God growing?

Prayer Intentions

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Those who have died. Those who are ill or have asked for our prayers: Donald Blom, Joyce Dahlheimer, Henry D'Andrea, Paul Fritsch, Betty Fritsch, Peggy Payer, Uldean Cieri, Mary Rettig, Lucille Wenstrup, Megan Cash, Rose Marie Ogle, David Habig Sr., Romilda McCarty, Lois Ritter, Diane Knause, Rhea Cermak, Robert Fischer, Angela Cookson, Linda Reed, Deacon Fred Haas, Thelma Leone, Dorothy Klein, Connie Dufresne, Rita Iding, Robin Vestring, Ann Indovina, Nick Uremovich, Nick Kellerman, Tex Meranda, Jerry Barnes, Janet Myrick, Jean Doogan, Courtney Langenbahn, Dorothy Brokamp, Dave Vogelgesang, Verna Burnet and Carol Huening. **Those who are serving in the Armed Forces:** Michael Hucker Jr., Derek Archer, Aaron Muldoon, Corey Campbell, Danny Braun, Michael Nazarovech, Randy Damron, Adam Wenstrup, Keith Deardorff and Tom Brannen, who is serving in the Peace Corps.



Parish Information



THE CARING PLACE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: Don't forget to turn in your baby bottles this weekend. Thank you again for your generous donations. May God bless you!

JULYFEST JACKPOT: Don't forget to purchase your JulyFest Jackpot tickets. Tickets are \$20 each. Weekly drawings begin March 2, 2009. To purchase tickets please call 752-2080 Ext. 124. **PLEASE NOTE THIS DOES NOT REPLACE THE JULYFEST GRAND RAFFLE.**



WINTER'S TOLL: Our expenses this winter are taking a toll on our budget. Our combined electric and natural gas costs are nearly \$12,000 a month. Plus the recent rounds of snow and ice have cost over \$6,000 in extra expenses not including all the hard work our maintenance staff has done. If you can financially assist in any way, it would be greatly appreciated. Of course it is fully tax deductible. Just drop a check into the collection noting it is to help cover "Winter Expenses." Thank you!

Child Protection

CHILD PROTECTION BACKGROUND CHECKS: (potential delays) it can now take up to 8 months in some cases to receive a background check approval. The amount of time to receive approval varies by individual. A number of other factors can affect and cause a delay, including increased requests for background checks and reduced staffing at both the state and federal levels. Those that have yet to complete their background checks can not wait until the last minute prior to volunteering to receive approval. Volunteers who work with children must attend a child protection class and our parish must receive a written positive approval from the diocese regarding a criminal background check. We encourage everyone who plans to work with children anytime in the future to please get this done in advance. Please visit the parish web site for more information or log on to: [http://www.sttm.org/home.html#Archdiocese Decree on Child Protection](http://www.sttm.org/home.html#Archdiocese%20Decree%20on%20Child%20Protection)

Readings for: February 22 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22

Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

Faith Formation

UPCOMING DATES:

Feb. 18 – Monthly Prayer Service

Feb. 18 – Mom's Monthly

Feb. 19 – First Communion Prep Session

Feb. 21 & 22 – Men's CRHP

Feb. 25 – Ash Wednesday

MONTHLY PRAYER SERVICE: join us every third Wednesday of the month this year, as we pray the rosary for personal, parish, country and world concerns. Wednesday, Feb. 18 is the next prayer service. We look forward to you joining us in this monthly prayer.

MOMS MONTHLY: Wednesday, February 18, at 7:00 pm our Moms Monthly Group will be wrapping up our Bible study on the Adventures of Matthew! What a year this has been diving into the details of this most beautiful Gospel. We have learned much! Now we look forward to beginning another study and this time we are turning to a study series by Matthew Kelley. It is called Living Every Day with Passion and Purpose. If you are interested in joining us for this new study which will begin the 3rd Wednesday in March either call Becky at 753-2548 or email her at bready@sttm.org.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION SESSION: On Thursday, February 19, at least one parent and each 2nd grader preparing for First Communion will meet in the parish dining hall for our first formation session beginning at 7 pm. Clearly, one of the responsibilities of our faith is to pass it on to the next generation. As parents we have an even greater obligation to be the primary teachers of religion to our children. Creating a Catholic home is the best way to pass on our faith. At our meeting we will be discussing how to help our children grow in their understanding of the real presence of Our Lord in the Eucharist, a central mystery of our faith.

SUNDAY CHILD CARE: Sunday Child Care is available for all children three years and under during the Sunday 10:00 am Mass, in the Kindergarten Room (Church Bldg). Please call the parish office to register your child or go to www.sttm.org and download the registration forms.

IN CASE OF SNOW AND ICE: If we should cancel PSR due to inclement weather, we will call "School Watch" which will be reported on channels 12 and 5, also on 700 WLW-AM, 55KRC-AM, Mix 94.1 FM, KISS 107.1 FM, FOX 92.5 FM. It will also be listed on their websites: www.wkrc.com and www.wlwt.com.



Youth Ministry

ROC YOUTH MINISTRY: No meeting Sunday February 15.

Parish Events



MEN'S CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH:

Sign up now! The annual Men's CRHP Weekend is Sat. – Sun. morning, February 21st and 22nd 2009. This is a great opportunity to spend a weekend of camaraderie with fellow men of STM.

This unique event combines reflection, entertainment and fun, providing a great atmosphere for men to discuss current issues and common experiences and enjoy a relaxing weekend. There is no cost to participate and all food and drink are provided. Saturday night entertainment offers the first "CHRP Championship Series" and will include friendly games of skill and chance. If interested in attending the **CRHP weekend**, contact Tom Candelaresi, 752-7522, tcandelaresi@fuse.net or Michael Thomas, 752-2080 x 127, mthomas@sttm.org.

Parish Stewardship

	Actual	Budget
February 8, 2009:	\$12,713.68	\$13,000.00
YTD:	\$520,627.34	\$523,000.00
YTD Collection <i>Under Budget</i> :		\$2,372.66
498 Envelopes Returned Sunday Feb 8:		\$11,880.52
Loose Change Feb 8:		\$833.16
OTHER COLLECTION:		
Outstanding Debt:	\$919,883.32	
Unpaid Interest on Debt:	<u>\$543,700.40</u>	
Total Due Archdiocese:	<u>\$1,463,583.72</u>	
EXPENSES:		
Payroll & Taxes Paid: 2/13/09		\$45,158.85
Total Expenses Paid week ending 2/7/09		\$29,117.49
Notable Expenses Paid:		
Debt & Interest Payment		\$8,333.33
Natural Gas – Heating Nov. '08		\$4,492.81
Food Licenses		\$368.50
Ice & Snow Removal – Jan. 26 – Feb. 5		\$5,047.90

REMEMBER ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, February 21

4:00 pm **Lectors** – Sam Geonetta, Janet Tate
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Jane Pearce, Donald Weber, Dennis Lahey, Lisa Miller, Chris Bell, Richard Schuler
Servers – Danielle Schaefer, Allie Kamphaus, Nicole Piening, Gabrielle Quesnell, Jena Molitor
Greeters – Gail Convery, Jerry Edwards, Char Schworer
Ushers – Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson, Don Tate

Sunday, February 22

8:00 am **Lectors** – Jerry Philpot, Nelson Seip
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Paul Brandt, Vickie Ditchen, Patricia Rieck, Charlotte Molitor, Dianna Kennedy, Thomas Brannen, Diane Meisman
Servers – Alex Willenbrink, Christopher Feist, Caroline Dugan, Logan Stultz, Garrett Guthrie
Greeters – Steve Friebele, Helen Fehn, Sylvia Guthrie
Ushers – Bill Imbus, George Hoffman, Bob Guenther

10:00 am **Lectors** – Jeff Burgess, Gregory Snodgrass
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Catalina Handleton, Tony Schulte, Kathy Hornschemeier, Patricia Lindsey, Garry Burke, Charlene Kiefer, Tim McGrath
Servers – Holly Ortalano, Brian Rastani, Rachel McGrath, Kyle Cardone, Tanner Cardone
Greeters – David Kiefer, Ray Neltner, Rachel Neltner
Ushers – Mike Hicks, David Wynn, Lynn Austin, Joe Thumann

12:00 pm **Lectors** – Jacqueline Moore, Victoria Aicholtz
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon, Robyn Yates, Megan Farwick, Karen Trautmann, Mary Brock, Patricia Tekulve, Chelsea Ritter, Melissa Kellerman
Servers – Adam Vickers, Becky Kellerman, Michele Cabell, Sarah White, Steven Schimpf
Greeters – Rosemary Weimer, Bill Weimer, Laurie Bagley
Ushers – Gary Lambert, Frank Brunet, Charlie Tekulve

Mass Intentions

MON. 2/16
 8:30 am Communion Service

TUES. 2/17
 8:30 am † Ralph Bedel/Evelyn & Bob Knabb

WED. 2/18
 8:30 am † Pauline Kess

THUR. 2/19
 8:30 am † Poor Souls in Purgatory/Purgatorial Society

FRI. 2/20
 8:30 am † Bill Gebhart/Ann Gebhart

SAT. 2/21
 4:00 pm † Joseph Dugan/The Seipelt Family

SUN. 2/22
 8:00 am † Robert Coates/Paul Coates
 10:00 am † Lewis & Jeannette Allen/Carole Hinton
 12:00 pm People of the Parish

† = Deceased

Miscellaneous

U.S. Census Bureau JOB OPPORTUNITIES

US Census Bureau will be hiring for part-time to 40 hrs a week from early 2009 to May 2010. Jobs include: Crew Leaders, Crew Leader Assistants, Census Clerks and Enumerators. You may review a practice test at Google 2010 CENSUS PRACTICE TEST or for more detailed information go to www.2010censusjobs.gov. For test sites or questions please call 513-766-3040 or contact Bonnie White at www.WHITE@FUSE.Net. Pay scales can range from \$8.25 – \$19.50 per hour depending on the position.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND AT COMBONI MISSION CENTER: Suffering the loss of a love relationship? Are you feeling hurt, lonely, left out? **Beginning Experience Cincinnati** offers a healing weekend for the divorced, separated and widowed at Comboni Mission Center, March 27-29. For \$130, participants make a personal inward journey with the hope of beginning a new life of renewed courage and joy. For more information or to have a brochure mailed to you, call (513) 684-1196... **Deadline for registration is February 27, 2009.** (Price is \$150 after 2/27/09 deadline.)

STM School

THE SOUTHEASTERN ECUMENICAL MINISTRY SALUTES: ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL



During 2008, STM School raised funds in the amount of \$800 from their "Bengalmania" Fridays. Elected junior high class officers presented this money to the SEM Food Pantry to help feed the needy of the area. SEM wishes to acknowledge and thank the student body of St. Thomas More School for their generous gift. The money will be used to help countless people in the Mt. Washington/Anderson Township/West Clermont areas by purchasing and distributing food to families that would otherwise go without.

The Parish Office will be closed, Monday



February 16, in observance of President's Day

